

**282—15.5 (272) Supervisor of special education—instructional.**

**15.5(1) *Authorization.*** The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a supervisor of special education instructional programs. Two endorsements are available within this category:

*a.* The early childhood—special education supervisor endorsement allows the individual to provide services to programs with pupils below the age of 7.

*b.* The supervisor of special education—instructional endorsement (K-12) allows the individual to provide services to programs with pupils from age 5 to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

**15.5(2) *Program requirements.***

*a.* An applicant must hold a master's degree.

(1) Option 1: Master's in special education.

(2) Option 2: Master's in another area of education plus 30 graduate semester hours in special education (instructional). These hours may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements.

*b.* An applicant must meet the requirements for or hold the consultant endorsement.

*c.* Content. The program shall include a minimum of 16 graduate semester hours to specifically include the following:

(1) Coursework requirements specified for special education consultant. Refer to rule 282—15.2(272).

(2) Current issues in special education administration including school law/special education law.

(3) School personnel administration.

(4) Program evaluation.

(5) Educational leadership.

(6) Administration and supervision of special education.

(7) Practicum: special education administration. NOTE: This requirement may be waived based on two years of experience as a special education administrator.

(8) Evaluator approval component.

**15.5(3) *Other.***

*a.* An applicant must have two years of consultant/supervisor/coordinator/head teacher or equivalent experience in special education.

*b.* The supervisor for early childhood—special education would need to meet the requirements for that endorsement. The K-12 supervisor would need to meet the requirements for one special education teaching endorsement to include instructional grade levels K-8 and 5-12.